

Educators meet with officials

President Donald Darnton, Dr. Paul Shipman, Dr. Bill Ferron, and Green Hunt, director of public information, met with area legislators Monday in Jefferson City.

The group met with a dozen senators and representatives in a dinner meeting at the Ramada Inn. "It was a chance to let them know we were hurting financially," said Ferron, president of the Faculty Senate. "We told them we would appreciate any support they could give us."

"We did not anticipate that we would change anyone's mind. We just wanted them to recognize the needs of higher education. President Darnton emphasized the fact that we really needed their help."

Senators Richard Webster, Ed Dierck, and Nelson Tinnin, and representatives Bill Webster, Robert Ellis Young, Roy Cagle, Eddie Williams, Marvin Proffer, Jerry Burch, and Bob Jackson attended the meeting.

"It's awfully hard to tell what good it did," said Shipman, vice president for business affairs. "It gave people a chance to raise questions."

"We told them that across-the-board cuts kill an efficient institution like ours. Those cuts don't hurt institutions with fat to trim." Darnton conceived the idea for the trip. He shared the same information with the gathering that he had given the Board of Regents last week.

"President Darnton did a very good job reaching the audience," said Ferron. "We were encouraged that all the legislators showed up."

"They have some very tough decisions to make. They didn't give us any inclination of what they would be. We just hope they keep Missouri Southern's needs in mind."

Senate approves computer degree

Missouri Southern's Faculty Senate approved the proposal for a new bachelor of science program in computer technology after lengthy discussion at Monday's meeting.

"The program will be virtually self-supporting," senator Willis Calicott told the Senate. "When the moratorium is lifted, we will be in line for state approval."

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education has issued an almost iron-clad moratorium on new programs at state institutions. New degree and certificate programs will be considered only if the colleges find the funding within their existing budgets.

The social science department objected to being left out of the science/math option of the proposal. Mathematics, physics, chemistry, and psychology were part of the professional concentration option.

"We would like to get our foot in the door," said Tom Holman, associate professor of history. "We want a social science option included."

Dr. Judy Conboy, associate professor of sociology and head of the social science department, proposed an amendment to include the option. It later failed to pass.

"It would be a tragic mistake not

to include social science," said Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs.

The computer science proposal indicated that no additional equipment purchases would be necessary. "I can't buy the fact that you won't need any more equipment," said Dr. Merrell Junkins.

"Most of the courses we would be adding are theory courses," said Calicott. "There would be a minimal amount of computer equipment."

Dr. Michael Banks, associate professor of education, asked if other faculty positions would be in jeopardy as a result of the program.

"How many faculty positions will be lost if we accept this program?" he said. "Where will they come from?"

James Maupin, dean of technology, said: "This program was not introduced as a substitute replacement for another program on campus. It was meant to serve the needs of the people."

The Senate then voted to accept the program. President Donald Darnton will take the proposal to the Board of Regents for their approval. It must then be accepted by the Coordinating Board.

College to host hearing on gas rates

Missouri Southern will play host to a public meeting next Thursday evening, as the public, company officials, legislators, and a representative from the Missouri Public Service Commission discuss recent fuel cost hikes.

The meeting, a combination of two such meetings originally planned, will be at 7 p.m. in the Billings Student Center.

Purpose of the meeting is to permit area residents to express their concerns regarding recent and projected increases in rates for gas service.

Officials of the Gas Service Co., its suppliers, and a member of

the PSC will meet with the public and listen to their feelings as well as expressing their concerns for the increases.

State representatives Roy Cagle and William Webster plan to attend, and it was they who arranged the presence of John Shapleigh, a member of the PSC.

Organized by the Consumers' Utility Control, a Joplin group headed by Kathy Wilson, member of the Joplin City Council, the meeting is basically to fight a proposed \$17.9 million rate increase.

The meeting, however, does not replace a formal PSC hearing on the Gas Service Co. rate proposal.

The meeting Thursday will be informal, but is scheduled, according to Wilson, to permit people to express their feelings.

"We will still seek a local hearing on the request [for the rate increase]," she said, "to give people the opportunity to participate in the hearing here rather than in Jefferson City."

Normally, the PSC rarely conducts public hearings outside Jefferson City or the state's larger cities.

David Spears, manager of the Joplin office of the Gas Service Co., arranged for the presence of company officials from Oklahoma City.

Kansas City bound!

Senior guard Brenda Pitts holds triumphantly aloft the net after Southern's 59-49 victory Tuesday night over Millon College. (Left) The Lions advanced to the Area 4 championship round where they edged Grand View 59-57 to earn a berth in the National Tournament in Kansas City next Thursday. Junior forward Linda Castillon (below) sparked Southern's rally past the Vikings with five points in the closing minutes. Grand View's Lisa Lissimore (10) defended Castillon. See story on page 8.



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Leon explains need for added position

Missouri Southern's budget committee has recommended the addition of a faculty position in the School of Business Administration for next year.

Dr. Julio Leon, dean of the School, discussed reasons for the addition with The Chart yesterday.

"We generated 8,104 credit hours in the Fall of 1977, which was 15 percent of all the credit hours generated on campus," he said. "We generated 9,668 credit hours last Fall, which was 21 percent."

"Since 1977, the School of Business has not received any additional faculty or administrative help. The only increase we have had is with part-time instructors."

The addition of part-time instructors is misleading. If a full-time faculty member teaches an evening class, he is also considered a part-time instructor.

"Most of our faculty members are teaching evening classes," said Leon. "They're teaching an overload. It places a very heavy strain on them."

In the Fall of 1977, the School of Business had 24.25 full-time equivalent faculty members. Last Fall, the School had 27 full-time equivalent faculty members. Both figures represent 14 percent of the college's total full-time faculty equivalent.

"In terms of credit hours generated, the college has not grown as much as enrollment has during the last five years," said Leon.

"There has been a significant increase in the number of part-time students. A majority of those part-time students tend to be evening students. Most of those evening students are business majors."

"Our business program is the only one on campus that can offer a student the opportunity to earn a degree at night."

Faculty members in other departments have claimed that the growth experienced by the School

of Business is really artificial. A general education requirement.

The American Economic System, was added for all students in 1979.

"The implication is that if the course had not been made," said Leon, "we would not need to offer as many class sections."

"One could make that same argument for any other general education class on campus. Our program was accepted by the campus community."

Leon pointed out that American Economic System courses generated only eight percent of the total hours generated by the School of Business. Of all courses generated by the School, 92 percent were primarily for business majors.

"When American Economic Systems was added, we did away with Intro to Business as a requirement for business majors at the same time," said Leon.

Accounting currently has the largest number of majors at Southern (350). Marketing and Management is second (264), followed by General Business (250). Computer Science is fourth (228), ahead of Nursing (122).

"Our accounting program has grown as much," said Leon, "that we can offer only one senior level advanced accounting class. It has 50 students, and I'd like to keep it under 25."

"We'll try to fill the additional position with an accounting instructor. That's our highest priority."

The School of Business must also replace Mike Garner, assistant professor of business administration. Garner, who teaches accounting courses, recently submitted a letter of resignation.

"Our accounting majors are getting a 'bare bones' set of courses to take," said Leon. "We have only 4 1/2 faculty members to staff the largest program on campus."

Family self-help center offers sanctuary for abused spouses

By Valerie L'Allier

Joplin's Family Self-Help Center, located near downtown Joplin, held an open house yesterday afternoon offering tours of the shelter and information about its operation.

Office hours for the FSHC, a shelter for persons involved in a domestic violence situation, are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office is located immediately inside the building. Beyond the office is the shelter reception room. Along one side of this room are offices for the service coordinator, executive director and crisis counselor.

At the rear of the reception room is a door which is locked 24 hours each day. That door leads to the main part of the shelter, a living room or recreation room for those who are staying there. The door is locked at all times to ensure security and privacy for all residents.

In the back of the building is the last room on the floor. It houses the office of the shelter manager, Oma Acoya. As shelter manager, her duties consist of keeping records of donations, maintaining housing for the residents and talking to the women to find out what their needs are.

According to Alison Malinowski, service coordinator, this type of counseling is crisis type counseling. "We help the women identify goals and help them find ways to meet those goals. We have them take time and think about what to do."

Downstairs at the shelter are six private rooms which are assigned according to availability and size. There are a kitchen, laundry room, playroom and a dining and recreation room. Each resident is responsible for the upkeep of the downstairs facilities.

Each night a house meeting is held with attendance required for all residents. The house meeting is a self-governing process. The idea

is to try to reinforce in the women problem solving ability and communication skills.

"Many women come here with very low self esteem and self confidence," Malinowski said. "The women govern themselves and learn to cope with everyday problems, like whose turn it is to do the chores."

Once each week there is a support group meeting. This is a goals-oriented meeting where residents, former residents and non-residents who are in a domestic violence situation work together and talk out their problems. They set goals to meet that week.

"There are women here who are in all stages of domestic violence. Just by listening to someone else who is or was in the same situation helps the victim. Listening to someone else's experience will help the victim to piece together things for themselves," Malinowski said.

Also on the agenda is a weekly support group meeting for the children. A Missouri Southern psychology student volunteers her time and works with the children three years old and older. The children are involved in play therapy and are encouraged to express their moods and emotions. Malinowski said, "This is a positive thing for the kids. They have been taught either that they should never show anger or that anger is the only way to solve a problem. We provide this time for them. This is their time and space."

Babysitting is provided for those children younger than three years old.

The first thing the shelter does for a victim of domestic violence is to make sure that the victim is all right. If the victim is safe, then they will talk to her and find out what her need are.

Once the victim gets to the shelter, they start working with her. They try to find out what has

been happening and they will believe her. "Here at the shelter, we listen to the victim and we don't judge her. We try to find ways to change the situation."

"We identify the problem and then find a change for it. We build self esteem and self confidence. Capable, intelligent women have been denigrated for so long that they begin to believe that they really can't get along by themselves. Our vehicle is for them to meet their own plans. We want them to be able to say, 'I can make it!'," Malinowski said.

Five days is the average stay for domestic violence victims at the shelter. The victims stay anywhere from one day to six weeks. The longest stay was three months for a woman who was suffering from a broken back.

"Many women stay for just one night because one, they know they are not ready to leave their relationship but they want to give their spouse some time to cool down, and two, because they don't have any immediate resources and need a place to stay for the night."

"However, some women have absolutely no resources at all, no job, no nothing, and maybe five or six kids. For these women, six weeks is the minimum stay, because it will take that length of time to file for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and food stamps," Malinowski said.

Joplin's Family Self-Help Center is funded by the United Way of Joplin and Carthage, private contributions from the community, government grants such as Vista and the Area Council on the Aging, Friends of the Self-Help Center and Joplin's City Council which provided the building they are housed in now.

If anyone needs any information about FSHC or needs to contact the shelter for help, call 782-1772.



Amy Grant

Grant: not just a singer

By Kelly Phillips

Her hair pulled back, Amy Grant, dressed in sweats, shuffles into Memorial Hall to prepare for the concert. Before the curtain goes up, she has a chance to visit.

Amy is a senior at Vanderbilt University and is an English major. "I have to skip a lot," she said, "but I brought my typewriter along. Do you know how hard it is to type on a bus?"

Some of her teachers, Amy said, try to tie in her assignments with her travels.

"This paper I'm writing for my interpersonal communication class," she said, "is one in which I'm comparing audiences and their reactions."

She wants to write a book someday. "I have a lot to say about life. I might even want to teach someday."

Amy does have a lot to say about life, and her songs express many of her trials and many of her victories.

She started performing when she was 15 and she has received many honors since that time, but not without pains. Amy said she had had problems trying to live up to the Amy Grant magazines and newspapers had created and the Amy she was trying to know. Then she decided just to be Amy and that's all, she said.

"We just have to be what He made us to be—it's that simple. No tricks. Just love, and respond to Him. Sometimes we try to stay arm's length away, but when you love someone they become so close that they see all your flaws and still love you."

"When God looks down at us, He sees His Son's blood, not our flaws. . . . He is so big, we can all plug into Him."

Senate twice rejects KA funds

Two motions made concerning the Kappa Alphas' request for \$1,750 were defeated by Student Senate last night.

After being tabled at the last meeting, the resolution was brought up for debate.

"We've sponsored this (the muscular dystrophy dance-a-thon)

in the past, and it's a good thing for students to get involved in. We would do ourselves a great injury not to appropriate the full \$1,750," said Senator Dave Gaumer.

A motion to appropriate \$250, recommended by the finance committee, was defeated in order to suspend the rules for a larger

amount. But the motion to suspend the rules failed by a close vote.

Finance committee suggested to delay the stress workshop resolution until more information was available. Senate went ahead and passed a motion for \$100 to sponsor the workshop.

Tax bill would aid homeowners

JEFFERSON CITY — After weeks of debate, the Missouri Senate last week gave preliminary approval to a proposed constitutional amendment to help homeowners cope with increased taxes from reassessment.

Sponsor of the amendment, Sen. Clifford W. "Jack" Gannon, D-DeSoto, said it would provide a needed aid to residential property owners who will be "hard hit by assessment." He said the proposal also includes provisions to help a dramatic shift in property taxes from utilities to homeowners.

Other supporters said the measure would ward off a taxpayer revolt that would result if reassessment becomes effective without some kind of tax relief.

Under the proposal, real estate would be divided into four different categories including: (1) residential; (2) farm; (3) utility; and (4) railroad, industrial and commercial. The Legislature would be

authorized to set separate assessment rates for each category. Current law requires that all property be assessed at one-third of its actual market value.

Gannon said the provision would allow homes to be assessed at a lower rate than businesses or utilities that can pass their costs on to customers.

The proposed amendment also would allow legislators to provide tax relief in other ways. One method, commonly called a "homestead exemption," would allow a portion of a home's assessed valuation to be exempt from property taxes.

Another provision would allow the Legislature to give income tax credits or rebates through the "circuit breaker" program. Under the program, homeowners would be allowed credit for a certain portion of their property taxes on their state income tax returns. This type of relief presently is limited to

senior citizens.

"Without this amendment, state homeowners will be hit a tremendous property tax increase that few could afford," Gannon commented. "With voter approval, the proposal simply would allow the General Assembly to help homeowners handle the higher tax bills."

The proposed amendment also includes a repeal of the controversial merchants' and manufacturers' inventory tax.

Supporters of the repeal said the "M and M" tax is unfair and encourages tax cheating. They said a replacement tax would protect schools and local governments from losing revenue if the M and M tax was repealed.

If passed by the House and signed by the Governor, the proposed constitutional amendment would be submitted to state voters no later than the November general election.

February revenues up by 15%

JEFFERSON CITY—State Treasurer Mel Carnahan has reported that Missouri's general revenue receipts for February were up 15 percent over last year's.

The \$221.8 million collected during February brings total receipts so far this year to \$1.21 billion.

"The increased receipts may indicate a good sign for the state's economy," Carnahan said. "But other factors may have influenced the healthy February receipts."

Factors included by Carnahan as February influences were the state's stepped-up efforts to collect delinquent taxes and recent changes in the frequency of tax payments by many businesses. "These changes cloud a clear comparison to last February," said Carnahan.

Regardless of the source of last month's general revenue gains, one thing remains clear: to meet the administration's current revenue

projections for the year, receipts for the rest of this fiscal year must sustain last month's good showing. Receipts for the rest of the year must average 13.1 percent above collections for March through June, 1981.

Individual income tax for February was \$105.5 million, up 16.2 percent over last year's.

Corporate income tax receipts for February were \$4.3 million, up almost 30 percent over last year's.

'Jupiter Effect' causes concern from New York to California

By the College Press Service

All the planets of our solar system are moving toward the same side of the sun. They will all be aligned by Wednesday. Strange gravitational pulls and pushes will result, some believe, and the Earth will suffer tidal waves and earthquakes. It might even be destroyed.

Those most worried about the so-called 'Jupiter Effect' have turned not to survivalists or clergymen, but to the secretaries at college and university astronomy departments across the nation.

The secretaries report their phones have been ringing off the wall as people call to find out how the upcoming astrological phenomenon will affect them.

"I guess about the most unusual call I've gotten was from a woman who was planning a vacation in Florida this spring," relates Bernice Stevenson, astronomy department secretary at Yale University. "She said that she did not want to waste money on a vacation if there were going to be earthquakes and clouds of ash floating through the air."

Stevenson says that the

astronomy department has received a number of calls from people who want to know if the end of the world is truly at hand.

"We're getting three or four calls a day it seems," says Patty Swanson, astronomy department secretary at the University of Alabama. "We had a scattering of calls all through the fall. But they are really picking up here in the last month or so."

Likewise the University of Wisconsin receives several calls a day and astronomy Prof. Ed Churchwell expects that "the closer it gets to March 10 the more

calls we'll get."

The University of Washington was besieged by phone calls inquiring about the so-called 'grand alignment' that its astronomy department installed an answering machine with a pre-recorded explanation of the heavenly event.

"Nobody here has the time to keep reiterating the same thing over and over," says UW astronomy department secretary Charlotte Arthur. "We had to go with the recording because it was just getting out of hand."

All the concern over the planetary phenomenon stems from

a 1974 book called *The Jupiter Effect*, in which two British scientists predicted that the alignment of the planets in early March will cause severe earthquakes, volcanic activity, and massive tidal waves.

Although the "Jupiter Effect" theory has since been retracted by the authors, John Gribbin and Stephen Plagemann, and generally scoffed at by the scientific community, many readers take it to heart.

"We tell them that the world will not come to an end because of that," explains the University of Wisconsin's Churchwell. "The

planets actually won't even be aligned. They'll primarily be in a 90-degree quadrant of the sky, kind of bunched together, but not lined up in a straight row like some people think."

While the planets will be more closely aligned than at any time in some 179 years, the effects on the Earth will be unnoticeable, astronomers say. But that hasn't deterred people from calling observatories, television stations, and astronomy departments to make sure.

P.S.U. hosts science faculty

Five science faculty from Missouri Southern recently attended the Southeast Kansas Area Conference of College Science and Mathematics Teachers at Pittsburg State University.

The conference consisted of section meetings in biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics which were followed by a

luncheon.

Primary speaker at the event was Harold Timms, director of seismic operations for Phillips Petroleum Company of Bartlesville, Okla.

Southern faculty in attendance included Harrison Kash, William Livingston, Russel Phillips, Marion Sloan and Wayne Stebbins.

Elick, Martin attend math meet

Two members of Southern's mathematics faculty attended a meeting of the Mo-Kan Council of Teachers of Mathematics this week.

The meeting was held in Joplin and guest speaker was Carla Childs of Parkwood High School. A program entitled "Chisan Lap, Nim

and other Mathematical Activities" was presented by Childs.

In attendance at the meeting from Missouri Southern were Larry Martin and Mary Elick.

Elick is Program chairman and president-elect of the organization.



March Schedule

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Wilson's remark puzzles campus

At last week's Board of Regents meeting, Glenn Wilson made a remark that has puzzled many students and faculty at Missouri Southern.

Wilson said that "the students would rather pay extra tuition than face cutbacks in their football and basketball teams."

The Board also debated the value of extracurricular activities. Regent Anthony Kassab said that "students do not live on books alone."

An instructor on campus surveyed all his students, asking if they agreed with Wilson's statement. The results: 11 agreed and 77 disagreed.

The instructor also asked for comments pertaining to the remark. The typical comment was: "I'm here to get an education and athletics are only extracurricular activities." None of the students voted to eliminate athletics.

All athletic schedules will be reduced by 10 percent next year. Men's tennis and golf and women's tennis have been eliminated. Yet the football and basketball programs remain intact.

These sports do give a sense of pride to the college. Missouri Southern's name is placed before the public when the Lions play. So it is difficult to determine the overall value of the programs.

Judging by the attendance figures at football and basketball contests, a majority of our students wouldn't mind a cutback in these programs. A small group of local citizens and alumni would.

But it is the students who must pay for these programs in the long run. They pay two different ways: with incidental fees, of course, and by not having certain courses or programs offered to them because the funds are not available.

Any reductions in the athletic program must be carefully studied first. Athletics are important extracurricular activities. But the students should make the final decision. It's their college.

Action on Monday is just a beginning

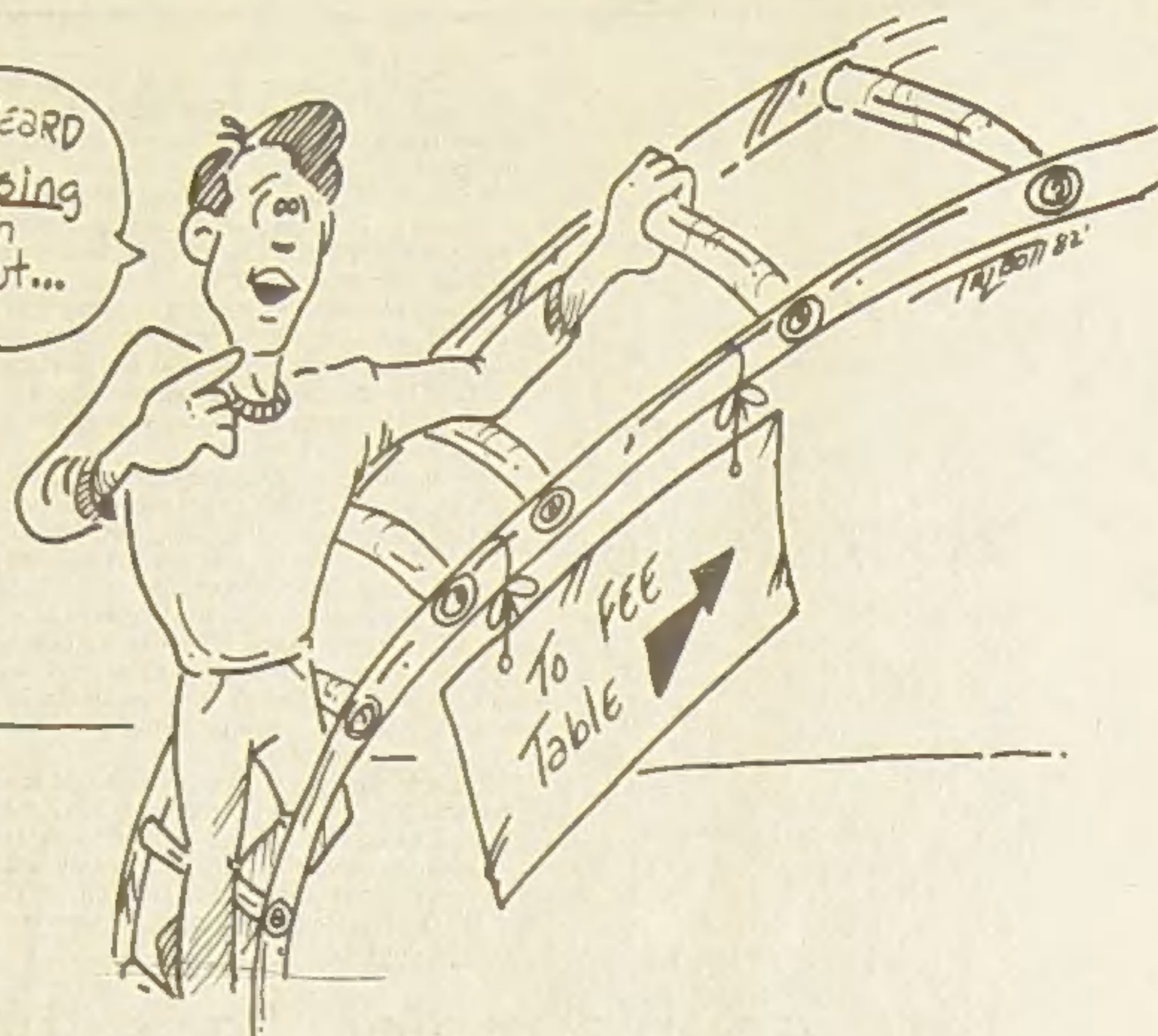
Four representatives from Missouri Southern spoke with a group of area legislators in Jefferson City Monday. The group discussed the serious financial condition the college was in.

This was the first time college officials had undertaken such a mission. It appears to be an excellent idea. State senators and representatives are often uninformed when it comes to higher education.

Lobbying by administration, faculty, alumni, and students will increase Missouri Southern's chances of landing a larger slice of the higher education pie. Imagine the impact on legislators if a group of students were to travel to the capitol and speak in behalf of higher education and Missouri Southern.

Everyone needs to lend a helping hand in these troubled times. The college is in danger of losing an additional \$100,000 in appropriations. More programs on campus will feel the axe if this is permitted to take place. Speak now, before it is too late!

I've Heard
OF Raising
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But...



Chad Stebbins:

Few students pay heed to raise in incidental fees

By Chad Stebbins

Students and faculty at Missouri Southern do not appear to be overly concerned about the upcoming increases in incidental fees, activity fees, and book rental fees.

I have heard very few students and faculty members discussing the increases recommended by the Board of Regents last week. When The Chart was distributed last Friday, I noticed that almost no one read the detailed summary of the Regents meeting on page one.

Students do not seem to want to talk about the increases. After all, it won't hit them till next summer when they are standing in line on registration day. Faculty members are more interested in discussing their own salaries for next year. I guess they have good reason.

Protests are currently being lodged everywhere against the high gas and electricity rates. Everyone is screaming that they can't pay their bills. Yet these same people did or said nothing when the high rates were approved last year. They prefer to wait until it's too late.

Students and faculty at Missouri Southern should learn a lesson from this example. It's going to cost \$350 to attend this institution next Fall. That figure won't effect a large number of students. They can still rely on scholarships or Mom & Dad's support. But take a look at the students it's going to hurt. Adult students, trying to work their way through school and support a family at the same time, will find it hard to come up with \$350 per month. Students from low-income families will not be able to count on financial aid so heavily.

Regent Glenn Wilson brought out a good point at the Board meeting. He asked if it was fair to make those students pay a \$15 activity fee that were made use of the benefits. This can be applied to the adult evening students. Many do not have the time to attend a single function during the entire year. Yet they are being saddled with this extra cost.

Sure, tuition fees at Missouri Southern are still comparable with other institutions in the state. But Joplin is not as economically well off as many areas in the state.

The administration and Regents had no choice but to increase fees. Students should appreciate the fact that careful consideration was given to the amount. Very few probably realize this fact. But they can only blame themselves next summer when they get a big surprise at the fee tables.

In Perspective:

Fee compromise achieves what's best for college

By Dr. Donald Darnton

Last week the Board of Regents approved an increase in the incidental fees from \$255 to \$290 per semester. The process that led to that action reflected the operation of a college as it ought to be, and that is something in which we all can take pride. No one was witness to all that transpired, but I probably was a participant or spectator to more of the process than anyone else.

The budget group worked for over three months. Individuals in that group represented well the interests of their segments of the college. Discussion of information, analysis of the effects of possible actions, and debate on the importance of such effects was thorough, intense, and sometimes heated—but not not acrimonious. Differences of opinion were real, but not divisive. The basic point was that each person did not work from a parochial position, but from the statesmanlike position of what is best for Missouri Southern.

The plans upon which the proposed fee increase was based were distributed widely and became the focus of a broader debate among students, staff and others. The subject came up in the Student Senate on three occasions. In the Proxy Club meeting it

evoked probing questions and thoughtful reflection. Students did not take the narrow view, although they readily admitted that they were not keen about an increase in fees. They recognized the situation as it exists and supported what they felt was in the best interest of the college.

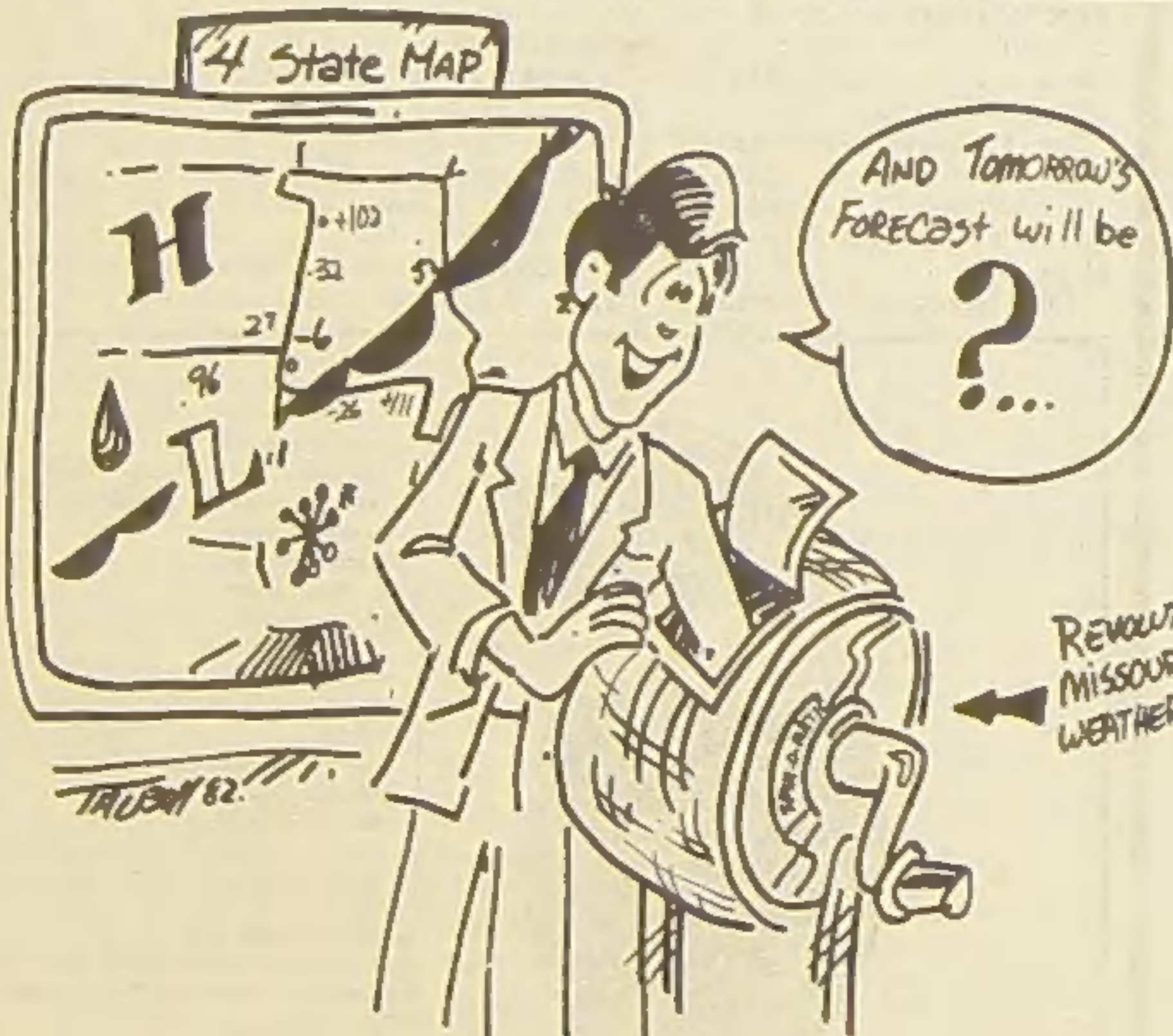
Discussion in the Faculty Senate was broad ranging; it focused on what would and would not happen if the fee increase were approved. Again, the debate at times was intense and people spoke from the perspective of their particular positions. But, the dialogue was not antagonistic; it was not charged with emotion. The underlying concern was for the best interest of the institution as a whole.

Clerical, secretarial, maintenance, and other staff people also talked about the proposal. As was true of everyone else, they were concerned about what it would mean to them, but they too recognized the broader perspective.

Upon the Regents rested the ultimate responsibility for acting upon the proposal, for setting the fee. I was in each Regent's office to explain the plan, to help each understand what was involved. In those talks and in the two-part meeting of the Board I sensed their deep concern for the students, the employees, and the college. It was obvious that

sincere differences of opinion existed. The welfare of the college as an educational institution was at the heart of the matter, but different Regents placed different weights on the several considerations that comprised the issue. They voiced and debated those differences with a sense of conviction; they sought information to weigh and evaluate; they were open to find whatever was best for Missouri Southern. The liaison, both student and faculty, made valuable contributions to the Board's deliberations.

The result of the process is a solution which, I believe, we can all support and which will serve the college well. It is a compromise and, perhaps, no one is perfectly satisfied; but it achieves the common goal which we all share—what is best for the college. The decision on the incidental fee is vital for the future wellbeing of the college, but we must not ignore the importance of the process by which that decision was reached. The process illustrated the different roles of different groups, and at the same time accounted for the interest that each had in a common concern. Respecting different roles, realizing that debate need not be divisive, not losing sight of ultimate goals—these, too, are significant for the future wellbeing of Missouri Southern.



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Peter, portrayed by Brian Wotring, and his hunting party have captured the Wolf, portrayed by Leslie Bowman, in the climactic scene of Peter and the Wolf. (left) The hearts and admiration of the minute theatre-goers were the ultimate snatch of Anya the Bird, portrayed by Pamela Lutes (above right) and Alexis the Cat, portrayed by Rose Evans (bottom right), as they converse with attentive autograph seekers. After the performance, children burst from Taylor Auditorium (far left), buzzing over the world premiere performance.

'It's a small world after all'

Peter and the Wolf, a world premiere play by Missouri Southern graduate Steven Rose, was presented to Carthage grade-school students last week. The play was a staged version of the famous Russian folk tale of a little boy and his animal friends' attempt to capture a ferocious timber wolf.

Set in the woods in Russia, Peter and his animal friends frolicked about the stage with enough enthusiasm to delight not only the excited youngsters, but to win the hearts of the adults as well. Dressed in brightly colored clothing and animal costumes, the cast utilized physical humor along with a marvelous script to emphasize the play's meaning and theme.

Rose pointed out three lessons to be learned in the play. One was good sportsmanship, never pointing a gun at anyone. Always treat a gun as if it were real. A second lesson to be learned was patience. Peter's grandfather told him to be patient and wait until he was older before he used guns. Peter disobeyed him and went after the wolf anyway.

Grandpa also told Peter to read a book on how to tie rope knots and not to worry about using a gun. He said that books are wonderful; they are your best friends and teachers. Rose told why he included these lessons in the script. "I used it as a ploy to get a response from the kids and to get them involved.

Children make a much better audience; they do respond to actions on stage," he said.

Director Sam Claussen noted that he didn't greatly emphasize these lessons. "I didn't want to hit them too hard and turn the kids off. I wanted them to come out naturally and they did. I let the script speak for itself," he said.

Children also respond to a colorful and visual performance. The setting was sparsely set with large realistic pieces. Mike Apfel, set designer, explained the staging concept. "We were going for a stylized set. We chose abstractions out of a forest, an abstract house. We used large items because we needed things for the wolf to hide behind.

"The door on Grandpa's house was decorated in Russian folk art colors. The colorful door was used to tie everything together—the lighting, costumes and set," he said.

Costumes for this production also utilized the Russian folk art, peasant art, colors of burnt orange, blue and green. But this production also had a fantastical aspect, such as talking animals. The wolf and the cat were dressed in colored sweat suits with matching fur. The bird wore knickers and a colorful cape and wings. And the duck was outfitted in white overalls with a baseball cap for a bill and white feathers for her tale.

According to costume designer Joyce Bowman, "We wanted to give a suggestion of reality to the kids and let them use their imagination. This also allowed the actors to develop their characters concentrating on movement and voice."

Kudos go to all members of this finely-tuned cast. Chet Lien was a Fred MacMurray-type grandpa who taught young Peter valuable lessons about life. Pamela Lutes (Anya the bird) and Emily Moody (Olga the duck) kept the excitement flowing with their constant bickering. Rose Evans (Alexis the cat) slinked and pranced around the stage always on the prowl for a snack of bird or duck.

Outstanding blocking was presented by the Three Stooges-type guards—Lindy Taylor (Boris), Warren Mayer (Anton) and the roly-poly and forever hungry Phil Ogelsby as Nicholas. Playing the wise but dumb Czar was Tim Capehart.

A magnificent performance was given by newcomer Brian Wotring as the young, naive Peter. His voice rang clear throughout the auditorium and his stage presence showed precision timing.

Stealing the show was the wolf, Leslie Bowman. Her purposeful upstaging, prancing from one side of the stage to the other, gave the children a real foe to fight against.

Sports Extra



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Grand View's Dawnelle Tindrell (32) drives past mid-court with Brenda Pitts in hot pursuit (right). Although Tindrell netted 20 points, the Vikings dropped a 59-57 nail-biter to the Lady Lions last night. Southern coach Jim Phillips (above) outlines a plan of action during second-half action.



Joe Angeles Photo

Brisby, Castillon fuel Southern's ticket to K.C.

Fam Brisby and Linda Castillon combined for Missouri Southern's final 10 points as the Lady Lions rallied in the closing minutes for a 59-57 thrilling triumph over Grand View and the championship of the Area 4 tournament last night.

Southern, 21-12, now advances to the National Tournament at Kansas City's Kemper Arena next Thursday. Eight teams will participate.

"We wanted it; we wanted it bad," said an emotionally-drained Castillon. "We knew that one of us would come through. We had a lot of confidence."

Grand View held a 54-49 lead with under five minutes to play. After buckets by Brisby and Castillon pulled the Lions within a point, Grand View's Jana Johnson hit a charity for a 55-53 Viking edge.

Castillon's free throw at 3:04 cut the deficit to a single point. Diane Miller's pair of free throws with 2:51 left gave the visitors a 57-54 lead.

After Castillon drilled a 15-footer from the wing, Brisby's banker at 1:41 pushed the Lions to a 58-57 advantage. Castillon set up the basket with her inside pass to the

Lions' 6-foot-2 center.

Lisa Mitchell's steal with 1:03 to play gave Southern the ball. Castillon missed a shot, giving the Vikings another shot at victory.

Grand View had three chances underneath the basket before Brisby hauled down the rebound with five seconds remaining. Southern's all-time scoring and rebounding leader was fouled on the play.

After a Viking timeout, Brisby sank the first free throw for a 59-57 Southern edge. Grand View again called timeout. Brisby missed the

second charity and Miller called for the Vikings' final timeout.

Dawnelle Tindrell's 26-footer at the buzzer was off the mark, giving the Lions their first Area 4 title.

"Grand View thought they had the game in the bag," said Brisby, who finished with 31 points and 15 rebounds. "They saw us play last night and it wasn't a very good game."

Castillon and JaNelda Dvorak scored 15 and nine points, respectively. Mitchell had 11 rebounds and five assists.

Tindrell, 5-6 junior guard, paced

the Vikings with 20 points. Miller and Mary Tjebkes added 14 and 10 points for Grand View, which finished 20-8.

"They are the best team we've played all year," said Mitchell. "Grand View took it to us all the time and forced us to get back on defense."

The Lions took a 21-14 lead with 8:04 left in the first half. Brisby then suffered a gash above her right eye and was forced to leave the contest. Grand View trailed 23-20 when Brisby re-entered three minutes later.

Southern held a 29-26 advantage at intermission. Buckets by Miller and Tindrell early in the second half gave the Iowans a one-point margin.

The Lions then went on a 14-6 spurt, grabbing a 43-36 lead on Mitchell's pair of baskets. Brisby's two free throws made it 45-40.

Grand View caught fire, scoring 10 straight points. Castillon's two charity tosses at 5:58 cut the Vikings' lead to 50-47. Buckets by Tindrell and Tjebkes, sandwiched around a Brisby layup, gave the visitors their 54-49 advantage.

Here's how Lions gained finals

It took the best game of Lisa Mitchell's career for the Lady Lions to advance to the title round of the NAIA Area 4 tournament.

Southern thumped Milton College 59-49 Tuesday night as Mitchell collected 14 points, 21 rebounds, six steals, and four assists.

"Lisa does little things that never get noticed," said coach Jim Phillips. "She boxes out people when she's rebounding and always gets in good position."

The Lady Lions roared to a 37-20 halftime advantage as Mitchell had 13 points, 14 rebounds, and five steals. Milton's 6-foot-5 center, Nancy Schubart, picked up her fourth personal foul before halftime.

Schubart, the biggest player Southern has faced, scored 18 points in the second half as the Wildcats closed to 56-49 with 22 seconds remaining.

Pam Brisby and Brenda Pitts added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

JaNelda Dvorak, Linda Castillon, and reserve Nina Bakke chipped in with eight apiece.

"The 700-mile trip from Wisconsin was quite straining," said Milton coach Brian Bliese. "Southern is one of the scrappiest teams we've played. They're quick."

"It's obvious that we're hurting when we get three or four fouls on our big girl. We tried the fast-break against Southern, but their quickness was too much."

The Lady Lions captured their first NAIA District 16 championship last Friday, decking William Woods 76-62.

Dvorak's top performance of the season sparked the victory. The 6-foot junior forward netted 20 points and corralled 14 rebounds.

Brisby pumped in 23 points to become the leading one-season scorer in Southern's history (men and women).

Mitchell added nine points and 10 rebounds for the winners. Guard Brenda Pitts counted 18.

"The district championship was one of our team goals this season," said Pitts. "Now we've accomplished that."

The Owls, who finished 15-14, took a 2-0 lead on Nan Downey's 20-footer. Woods tied the game at 8-all before Southern started pulling away.

The Lady Lions opened a 26-18 bulge with 7:01 left in the half as Pitts drilled an 18-footer. With Brisby scoring six straight points, Southern commanded a 39-26 halftime advantage.

"Our girls pride themselves on their good defense," said Phillips. "Woods had more shots than we did, but they weren't that good. We had good patience and selected the best shots."

Phillips was named women's coach of the year in District 16. Southern, currently 21-12, was 10-19 last season. Brisby and Castillon were selected to the all-district first team.

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